

The Selways

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Cru15

9 days. 7 speakers. 5,000 missionaries.



Cru at Ohio U
July 31, 2015

A week ago, we attended *Cru15*, the bi-annual staff conference held for staff with Cru in the U.S. It was, in two words, exhilarating and overwhelming. The conference is designed to be a time to bring all U.S. Cru staff together to refresh, revive, and refocus on our common mission. This year, we had four main focuses:

1. Our continuing commitment to be people who share the good news
2. Our movement toward ethnic diversity
3. Moving forward in building partnerships and a partner-friendly organization
4. Taking the good news beyond our borders to the people of the world

our efforts to take the gospel around the world. No small task! But we are excited to be a part of a movement that is embracing so God-sized challenges.

It was, as they say, “like drinking from a fire hydrant.” However, we really enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot. We were extremely impacted by one idea that seemed to tie the whole conference together - *the fulfillment of the Great Commission is, by many reports, within our grasp. But if we are to finish the task we must utilize every single hand, every single talent, every single person in Christ’s church to get it done.*

That means taking diversity seriously, partnering with others well, and to continuing



We were privileged to sit under some of the greatest “thought-leaders” of the Christian world as they layed out these ideas, and spent lots of time thinking about them and wrestling with them.

We really think that many of you might be encouraged to hear from some of the thought leaders’ talks as well, and encourage you to listen to them. We both highly recommend listening to Christina Cleveland, James White, Andy Crouch, and Francis Chan. You can find the recordings at cru15.cru.org/archive.



Thank you so much for being a part of our ministry and helping us attend this amazing conference. We are grateful for the way you are all a part of helping to fulfill the Great Commission with us!

‘Til the whole world knows,

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Personal Update

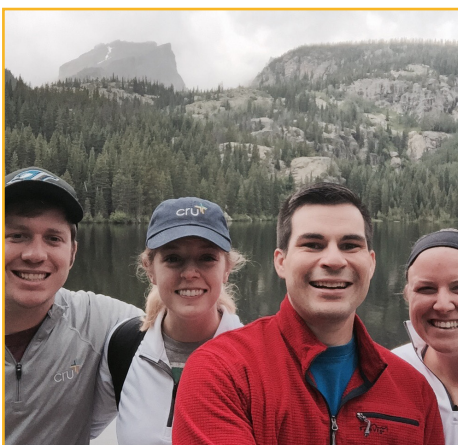
We haven't had much free time in between working on gathering our team of ministry partners and being a part of our church, but we still have managed to have a little bit of fun this summer...



We celebrated our first wedding anniversary on May 24th with a short trip to hike in Hocking Hills, Ohio. We enjoyed the time getting to reconnect and reminisce on our first year of marriage, and of course eating our wedding cake and cookies! (Which, after a year in a freezer, were still surprisingly quite good!)



We spent the 4th of July with Emily's parents and grandparents at their lakeside cottage in Harrison, Michigan. We got into the spirit by decorating and participating in the annual "boat parade". Even Rory [pictured on the left] participated! It was really nice to enjoy some time with Emily's family, especially her grandparents, whom we unfortunately don't see very often.



We spent our day off at Cru15 hiking with friends in the Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park (about an hour's drive from the conference.) We had a fantastic day getting some much-needed exercise and admiring the majesty of God's creation. At the peak of the trail, we were almost 11,000 feet above sea level - quite a hike! It was truly one of the most amazing things we've ever seen!



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Prayer Requests for The Selways for August

Stick this card anywhere that will remind you to pray!

1. For all Cru staff as we continue to process and reflect on Cru15, and how we can best implement what the Lord taught us during our time there in our ministries.
2. For us, as we are hoping to move back to Athens and begin our ministry soon! Please pray that God would make a way for us, quickly.
3. For our staff and students with Cru in southeast Ohio. In just three weeks, students will return to campus and we will begin the enormous task of passing out

surveys to as many as possible of them. These surveys are a gateway to connect with students who are already believers, or who might be interested in hearing more about how to have a relationship with God. We attempt to meet individually with every student who indicates interest - usually around 3,000 or more - and share the gospel with them. Please be in fervent prayer for our team and the students with whom we will connect.

We'd love to pray for you. Please share your prayer requests with us!

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